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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 6492nd meeting of the Security Council, held on 28 February 2011, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council underlines that terrorism constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, the enjoyment of human rights, the social and economic development of all Member States and undermines global stability and prosperity, and emphasizes the importance of the Al-Qaida and Taliban sanctions regime as an essential tool in combating the threat posed by terrorist activity.

"The Security Council recalls its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security under the Charter of the United Nations and further recalls Article 103 of the Charter.

"The Security Council stresses the need for full implementation of all its resolutions and statements on terrorism, including resolution 1904 (2009).

"The Security Council recalls the establishment of an Office of the Ombudsperson pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009) to assist in considering delisting requests submitted by, or on behalf of, an individual, group, undertaking or entity on the list created pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and resolution 1333 (2000) ("the Consolidated List"), underlines its commitment to ensuring that the Office of the Ombudsperson is able to continue to carry out its role effectively, in accordance with its mandate, and, in this regard, undertakes to renew the Office's mandate in June 2011.

"The Security Council welcomes the first report of the Ombudsperson submitted pursuant to Annex II of resolution 1904 (2009) (S/2011/29) and the work of the Ombudsperson to date.

"The Security Council takes note of the observations in the report to which it will respond in the context of the renewal of the Ombudsperson's mandate in June 2011 in order to ensure that any necessary improvements to the Ombudsperson procedure are implemented.

"The Security Council underlines the improvements to the procedures of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) ("the Committee") and to the Consolidated List, and the seriousness with which the

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Committee undertakes its mandate to carry out regular and in-depth reviews of entries on the Consolidated List, expresses its intent to continue efforts to ensure that procedures are fair and clear.

"The Security Council underlines the important role of the Ombudsperson in ensuring fair and clear procedures for individuals designated pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and encourages individuals seeking delisting from the Consolidated List to pursue their case through the Ombudsperson.

"The Security Council welcomes the observation by the Ombudsperson that States have been cooperative in responding to requests and providing information in the cases and looks forward to Member States' continued cooperation with the Office of the Ombudsperson."